IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:

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Dear Sir:

     In an attempt to fully comply with the duty of disclosure set forth in 37 C.F.R. § 1.56 and in

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If the Examiner believes that a telephone conference would help further the prosecution of this case, she is respectfully requested to contact the undersigned attorney at the listed telephone number.

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